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Subject: FW: thanks for taking my call!

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Subject: RE: thanks for taking my call!

The first two grants are part of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, and so is the last grant to Hope Enterprises.

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From: Madeleine Rowley <mrowley@thefp.com>
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Subject: Re: thanks for taking my call!

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Hi Molly,

Thanks so much for the informative call today! I look forward to working with you on a story for The Free Press. Here are the grants I found today that I found to be particularly interesting:

1. [\\$2.9 billion](#) to [Opportunity Finance Network](#) under the Inflation Reduction Act to provide federal funds to community lenders. [Harold Pettigrew](#) is the CEO. He was appointed by Biden to serve on the Community Development Advisory Board of the US Department of the Treasury from 2021-2024. Salary for the portion of the year for which he worked for OFN in 2023 was \$250,000.

2. [\\$249 million](#) to [Inclusive Prosperity Capital](#) under the Inflation Reduction Act. [Kerry O'Neill](#) is the CEO. She was formerly the Chair on the EPA's Environmental Financial Advisory Council. Salary is over \$300,000.
3. [\\$19 million](#) granted to [Young, Gifted, & Green](#) under the Inflation Reduction Act to "THE PROJECT WILL ENCOMPASS THREE CLIMATE ACTION STRATEGIES AND THREE POLLUTION REDUCTION STRATEGIES TO UNDERTAKE COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE IN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ACROSS THE PROJECT AREA." CEO is [LaTricia Adams](#), who was appointed by Biden to the White House Environment Justice Advisory Council.
4. [\\$10 million](#) of various grants involving water studies to [The Water Research Foundation](#). CEO is [Peter Grevatt](#), who spent 31 years at the EPA, and he makes over \$420,000 annually.
5. [\\$93.7 million](#) to [Hope Enterprise Corporation](#) under the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. CEO [Bill Bynum](#) makes over \$500,000 and was on the Biden-Harris transition team.

I'm continuing to comb through grants, but these have stood out so far. I'd love to know if Administrator Zeldin plans to cancel any of these/ what he plans to do regarding the billions granted via the Inflation Reduction Act. I'd also be curious to know if the EPA is aware of any "climate justice" projects that were completed using federal funds disbursed during the Biden Administration.

We aim to run a story on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week if possible. Thank you so much!

Sincerely,
Maddie Rowley

On Thu, Feb 20, 2025 at 4:42 PM Vaseliou, Molly <Vaseliou.Molly@epa.gov> wrote:

Connecting via email. Will keep an eye out to your list and will help however possible!

Molly Vaseliou

Associate Administrator for Public Affairs

Environmental Protection Agency

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Subject: FW: OEJECR-Thriving Communities Grantmaker Program Information
Attachments: 1_TCGM Regional Application data_Final.docx; 2_Grantmaker Profiles (UPDATED 02.20.25)_Final.docx; 3_Copy of Qlik Sense -TCGM Grants - February 20 2025 - Final.xlsx; Grantmaker- Final workplans for initial awards; Grantmakers-Final Grant Workplans for Subsequent Awards

3 of these were caught in the approved grants to cancel this week. After reviewing, this entire program is 100% IRA funding and just serves as a smaller pass through like the GHG Reduction Fund model for the 2 programs at issue now.

I would like to recommend this entire suite of grants be cancelled—around \$647M

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Subject: OEJECR-Thriving Communities Grantmaker Program Information

Good Evening Travis,
Attached, please find requested information re: EPA's Thriving Communities Grantmaker (GM) Program. Please note, today, 22 EJ grants were identified for termination, which included three Grantmakers from Regions 3, 5 and 10.
Region 3 GM: Green and Healthy Homes Initiatives
Region 5 GM: Minneapolis Foundation
Region 10 GM: Philanthropy Northwest

Attachments include:

1. Data on Subaward Applications Received (as of 2/20/2025);
2. Grantmaker Profiles/Summaries on each Grantmaker;
3. Qlik Sense Excel Spreadsheet detailing – Cumulative award Amount, Liquidated Amount, Unliquidated Amount, and % of Award liquidated as of 2/20/2025
4. Final Grant Workplans for the initial awards (start-up)
5. Final Grant Workplans for the subsequent awards (sub-grants)

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Cordially,

~Susan

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Thriving Communities Grantmaker Program (TCGM)

Alignment with Administrator Priorities - The TCGM Program aligns with and promotes two of the Administrator's pillars of the *Powering the Great American Comeback* Initiative. The Grantmaking program supports Pillar 1 (Clean Air, Land, and Water for Every American) by providing support accessible to all communities seeking clean air, land, and water. The program also supports Pillar 3 (Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership). Specifically, a fundamental design of the TCGM program is *cooperative administration* where Grantmaking entities closely collaborate with local partners and governments to support communities across the country. Overall, this program cuts through much of the bureaucracy and red tape of the traditional federal grantmaking process allowing the Grantmakers to provide support to communities more quickly to be more responsive to their needs as they come. This efficient grantmaking process will be critical for Grantmakers issuing subawards to communities impacted by **disasters** and emergencies whether they be wildfires, floods, hurricane, or tornadoes. Overall, the TCGM program supports EPA's mission to advance protection of human health and the environment and fulfils the agency's obligations under Clean Air Act 138, by providing accessible subawards to community-based nonprofits, Tribes, and local governments for assessment, planning, and project development activities in every EPA Region. The program is a regionally driven subaward program with tight federal oversight, funded through cooperative agreements with each Region and with Headquarters. National Grantmakers further strengthen the success and reach of the program by filling gaps in regional subawards and by supporting the capacity of Regional Grantmakers to effectively create and monitor their subaward programs.

Regional Subaward Application Data

The Program is Oversubscribed and Highly Popular!

To date, Regional Grantmakers are estimated to have received well over 1,500 applications for subawards in their first round of funding, representing requests totalling more than \$400 million at the start of the program. Regional Grantmakers are reviewing applications and are poised to begin issuing subawards to communities in the weeks to come. National Grantmakers will make subawards that help to fill gaps in the Regional Grantmaker subaward programs.

Themes that are appearing across the regional competitions include:

- High application rates
- High number of applications for project development / Tier 3 – from local governments and resource challenged nonprofits. Needed funding to get to 'shovel-ready' projects.
- High number of applications and nominations for \$75,000 fixed amount capacity building subawards to severely capacity-constrained communities.
- Application themes include healthy and affordable food, reducing energy costs, and **workforce development**.

What we observe in every region is extremely high demand, with the need far outstripping the amount of funds obligated for subawards. Below is a snapshot of the data by region. Note that up to date information is not available from every region as regional offices have had varying instructions to project officers regarding recent communication with grantees.

February 2025

Region 1 - Health Resources in Action

Round 1 application deadline was February 14th, 2025

Round 2 application deadline is May 16th, 2025

Both rounds are for all project tiers.

Detailed data on applications received is forthcoming...

Region 2 – Fordham University

Round 1 applications closed December 31st, 2024 - 686 total received from NY, NJ, Puerto Rico, and USVI, representing approximately \$120,000,000 in funding requested.

Approximately 18% of applications are from rural areas.

\$75,000 fixed amount capacity building: 349

Tier 1 (up to \$150,000): 80

Tier 2 (up to \$250,000): 75

Tier 3 (up to \$350,000): 182

Region 3 – Green and Healthy Homes Initiative

Detailed data on applications received is forthcoming...

Region 4 – Research Triangle Institute

(As of 1-29)

195 applications submitted

Foundational (\$75,000 fixed amount capacity building): 98

Tier 1 (\$150,000): 11

Tier 2 (\$250,000): 29

Tier 3 (\$350,000): 57

Region 5 – Minneapolis Foundation

421 total applications, representing over \$100 million in subaward applications from across Minnesota, Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Wisconsin, and Indiana. Over 20% of the requests come from rural communities, primarily from local governments, water utilities, and nonprofit organizations.

Tier 1 (up to \$150,000): 83 (\$10.8 million requested)

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Tier 2 (up to \$250,000): 119 (\$26.9 million requested)

Tier 3 (up to \$350,000): 219 (\$71.6 million requested)

Region 6 – Texas Southern University

Region 7 – Research Triangle Institute

(As of 1-29)

32 applications submitted, 110 applications in progress

Foundational (\$75,000 fixed amount): 15

Tier 1 Assessment (\$150,000): 1

Tier 2 Planning (\$250,000): 4

Tier 3 Project development (\$350,000): 12

Region 8 JSI

(as of 12/27)

304 applications submitted, a higher volume than anticipated.

Recruiting more evaluators for scoring.

Region 9 – Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs

Detailed data on applications received is forthcoming...

Region 10 Philanthropy Northwest

From 1st funding round for Tier 3 applications only, closed for applications 12-15-24

132 applications received

Requesting a total of \$43.9 million in subawards

27 applications primarily serve Tribal or indigenous communities

45 applications serve rural communities

37 applications serve 'some' rural communities

Region 10 is currently accepting applications for all Tiers in its second round, open until 2-28-2025.

THRIVING COMMUNITIES GRANTMAKING PROGRAM (TCGM)

Grantmaker Profiles by Geographic Region

The profiles of the winning applicants selected and awarded to be pass through entities (i.e., Grantmakers) for EPA's Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program (TCGM) are shown below. Key information has been pulled from the initial applications submitted in June of 2023, including brief descriptions of the Grantmakers' proposed goals and objectives, their location, the award amount, proposed collaborations with the Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers (TCTACs), as well as named partners and their locations.

Grantmakers will work with local partners to administer the program and ensure that funding supports projects that align with EPA's mission to protect human health and the environment, including clean air, land and water for every American. EPA will continue to work with the Grantmakers through the cooperative agreement with each throughout the entirety of this 3-year program to ensure successful outcomes for all communities involved.

The Grantmakers are currently making subawards available to non-profits, Native American organizations, local governments, and institutes of higher education. The EPA has provided guidance for Grantmakers and subaward applicants on cooperative administration requirements to ensure local communities' needs and priorities drive the structure and implementation of the program.

National Grantmaker Profiles (2 Grantmakers)

National Grantmakers were selected for their capabilities to bolster the efforts of the Regional Grantmakers, providing coordination support for outreach and communications, especially in rural and remote areas, and administering and monitoring subawards, and data gathering on community needs and subgrants issued. Additionally, National Grantmakers will issue subawards to fill gaps in the Regional subaward programs, especially in rural, remote and tribal communities.

National Grantmaker East

Recipient: Institute for Sustainable Communities (ISC)

Website: <https://sustain.org/program/ej-erg/>

Hub Location: Montpelier, VT

Applicant Type: Nonprofit

Award Amount: \$60,000,000

Title: Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program

Regional Coverage: Regions 1 – 3

Partners:

- Emerald Cities Collaborative (Washington, DC)
- Groundwork USA (Yonkers, NY)
- Urban Sustainability Directors Network (Washington, DC)
- Trust for Public Lands (San Francisco, CA)
- River Network (Boulder, CO)

Proposed Grantmaker Structure and Goals:

Institute for Sustainable Communities, founded in 1991, is a non-profit organization with a mission to create viable solutions through collaborative partnerships that support communities. In 2023, ISC was selected as an EPA National Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Center (TCTAC). For the Grantmaker program, ISC will leverage its expertise, experience, networks, and five partner organizations to provide coordination and communications support to the regional Grantmakers. ISC developed the Eastern Regional Grantmakers website that will host a Data Visualization Hub linked to the National Evaluation and Tracking System with public-facing grantmaking information and data tracking and evaluation tools for regional Grantmakers. ISC will also fill gaps in Grantmaking subaward coverage to ensure that low capacity and hard to reach communities most impacted by environmental challenges are able to receive funding.

National Grantmaker Central *also the Region 4 Grantmaker

Recipient: Research Triangle Institute

Website:

Hub Location: Research Triangle Park, NC

Applicant Type: Nonprofit

Award Amount: \$60,000,000 as national Grantmaker (an additional \$60,000,000 as the Region 4 Grantmaker; total award amount \$120,000,000)

Title: Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program

Regional Coverage: Regions 4 - 7

Partners:

- International City/County Management Association (Washington, DC)
- National Center for Healthy Housing (Columbia, MD)
- Southern Environmental Law Center (Charlottesville, VA)

Proposed Grantmaker Structure and Goals:

As a National Grantmaker, Research Triangle Institute (RTI) and its team of partners will emphasize local community outreach to accelerate grant awards to lower capacity and hard to reach communities excessively impacted by environmental hazards. To promote engagement, RTI and its partners will use a community-engaged collaboration model that promotes peer review and local capacity building, while mitigating potential conflicts of interest and ensuring effective monitoring and oversight of the subaward program.

Data on Subgrant Applications Received to Date - RTI will provide subawards to Region 7 in the absence of a Regional Grantmaker award for EPA Region 7. RTI has received 32 applications for subawards from Region 7 applicants, with another 110 applications in progress.

Regional Grantmaker Profiles (9 Profiles)

Region 1

Recipient: Health Resources in Action (HRIA)

Hub Location: Boston, MA

Applicant Type: Nonprofit

Award Amount: \$60,000,000

Title: Grantmaking to Build Sustained Capacity and Networks Across EPA Region 1

Location: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont and 10 Tribal Nations

Partners:

- Alternatives for Community and Environment, Inc. (ACE) (Roxbury, MA)
- New England Grassroots Environment Fund, Inc. (Grassroots Fund) (Newmarket, NH)

Proposed Grantmaker Structure and Goals:

Health Resources in Action (HRiA), the lead applicant, is joining with two core partners, ACE and Grassroots Fund, to design and manage a comprehensive TCGM program to support community-based organizations (CBOs), nonprofit organizations, and other entities representing urban, rural, indigenous, remote, and capacity constrained communities in implementing projects to address local environmental and/or public health challenges in Region 1. The R1 Grantmaker has partnered with a community-based organization in each of the region's six states as subawardees to provide additional extensive outreach, via boots on the ground, and support prospective applicants within their respective states and tribal regions.

HRiA and its collaborative partners will ensure meaningful participation and community engagement in decision-making processes by individuals and communities most impacted by excessive environmental and public health issues. HRiA will implement a Governance Council, made up of Community representatives, to prioritize voices from urban, rural, remote, and capacity constrained communities most impacted by environmental and public health challenges, as well as identify and recruit Grant Readers and a Grantmaking Committee to serve as ambassadors and review applications. To adhere to Conflict-of-Interest policies, organizations that are interested in applying for a grant will not serve as a reader of Grantmaking Committee member, but may serve on the Governance Council.

Region 2

Recipient: Fordham University

Hub Location: Bronx, NY

Applicant Type: Private Institution of Higher Education

Award Amount: \$60,000,000

Title: Flourishing in Community: Fordham in Community Environmental Justice Grantmaker Initiative

Location: New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands and eight Indian Nations.

Partners:

- New York Immigration Coalition (New York, NY)
- New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice (Newark, NJ)
- ConPRmetidos (San Juan, PR)
- Community Foundation Virgin Islands (St. Thomas, USVI)
- Business Initiative Corporation of New York (Bronx, NY)

Proposed Grantmaker Structure and Goals:

The Flourishing in Community (FIC) Grantmaker Initiative, serving as the EPA Region 2 TCGM, will engage communities impacted by pollution and other environmental impacts in NY, NJ, PR, and USVI. The program leadership team will employ Fordham University's infrastructure to provide grants to qualifying organizations, local governments, institutions, and agencies, prioritizing rural, remote, coastal, and urban communities, and other communities and groups which traditionally have not had the capacity to apply for or receive federal funding for environmental projects. The FIC employs a governance structure that: 1) Fosters authentic stakeholder engagement and establishes cooperative oversight; 2) Facilitates a robust and accessible subgrant application, disbursement, monitoring, and reporting process; 3) Shares successes from the subgrantee cohort and raises the profile of initiatives; and 4) Provides technical assistance and wrap-around support to subgrantees. The FIC Grantmaker team will work closely with the Region 2 TCTACs, WE ACT and the Univeridad Interamericana de Puerto Rico, to leverage technical support to prospective applicants. To mitigate conflict of interest, no members of FIC's Grantmaker structure and management will be permitted to receive subgrant awards.

Data on Subgrant Applications Received to Date - The FIC Round 1 application cycle received over 680 applications, representing approximately \$120 million in funding requested. Round 2 is currently open and accepting applications.

Region 3**Recipient:** Green & Healthy Homes Initiative Inc.**Hub Location:** Baltimore, MD**Applicant Type:** Nonprofit**Award Amount:** \$60,000,000**Title:** Building Capacity to Advance Environmental Justice for Thriving Communities in Region 3**Location:** DE, DC, MD, PA, VA, WV, and 7 federally recognized tribes**Partners:**

- Latin American Community Center (Wilmington, DE)
- Childrens National Research Institute (Washington, DC)
- Black Millennials 4 Flint (Washington, DC)
- Block Power (Brooklyn, NY)
- Chesapeake Bay Foundation (Annapolis, MD)
- Children's National Hospital Washington, DC)
- Chisolm Legacy Project (Baltimore, MD)
- Coalition for Green Capital (Washington, DC)
- Delaware State University (Dover, DE)
- Howard University (Washington, DC)
- Invest Appalachia (Asheville, NC)
- JustFund (Oakland, CA)
- NAACP Maryland (Columbia, MD)
- New Ecology (Boston, MA)
- Savannah Barber (Tribal lands, VA)
- United Parents Against Lead (Richmond, VA)
- Women for a Healthy Environment (Pittsburgh, PA)

Proposed Grantmaker Structure and Goals:

As the Region 3 Grantmaker for the TCGM, The Green and Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI) plans to use a strong cooperative administration framework to build capacity in traditionally hard to reach areas. GHHI will engage the community through a stakeholder advisory board, partnerships, and mechanisms for providing direct feedback to adapt frequently to the needs of communities, particularly those from capacity constrained areas. GHHI will be accepting applications for funding during their initial project period through a dedicated web portal; allowing optional submissions for those without reliable access to internet.

Data on Subgrant Applications Received to Date - To date GHHI has received 200 applications and is poised to begin issuing subawards. In alignment with the EPA requirements, applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. Within 15 days of receiving an application, GHHI will determine if the applicant meets the basic threshold criteria. Projects that meet the threshold criteria will be fully evaluated for award within 1.5 months of receipt. Following selection, financial risk analyses and award agreements will be completed for successful applications.

Region 4 * Also the National Grantmaker Central**Recipient:** Research Triangle Institute**Hub Location:** Research Triangle Park, NC**Applicant Type:** Nonprofit**Award Amount:** \$60,000,000 as Region 4 Grantmaker (an additional \$60,000,000 as a national Grantmaker; total award amount \$120,000,000)**Title:** Catalyzing Community-Driven Change (CCDC): TCGM Region 4

Location: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and 6 Tribes

Partners:

- North Carolina Central University NCCU (R4)
- Resource for Assistance and Community Training-RTI Center for Applied Research in Environmental Science – CARES (NC)
- Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC)
- University of Kentucky (UKY)
- National Center for Healthy Housing NCHH (MD)

Proposed Grantmaker Structure and Goals:

RTI International and its partners—North Carolina Central University (NCCU), the Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC), the University of Kentucky (UKY), and the National Center for Healthy Housing (NCHH)—have come together to form the Catalyzing Community-Driven Change—Region 4 Grantmakers team (CCDC). The team brings expertise in grant management, environmental science, and environmental research and evaluation. The CCDC Team positions community members as part of a community advisory board (CAB), and as decision makers in selecting subawardees. Their targeted outreach and recruitment strategies are available to potential applicants in various modalities (online, in person, etc), and designed to reach communities all across Region 4.

Data on Subgrant Applications Received to Date - RTI has received 195 applications for subawards from Region 4 applicants.

Region 5

Recipient: The Minneapolis Foundation

Hub Location: Minneapolis, MN

Applicant Type: Nonprofit

Award Amount: \$60,000,000

Title: Region 5 Community Grantmaking Program (CGM)

Location: (Hub Location – Minneapolis, MN) Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin and 35 Tribes

Partners:

- Midwest Environmental Justice Network (R5 Tribal lands (Minneapolis, MN)
- The RE-AMP Network (R5) (Madison, WI)
- NDN Collective (Rapid City, SD) (R5)

Proposed Grantmaker Structure and Goals:

The Minneapolis Foundation (TMF) will serve as the Regional Grantmaker along with 3 statutory partners hereafter referred to as the Collaborative. The Collaborative is committed to managing and implementing the program in a way that builds the capacity and strength of grassroots organizations that work with capacity constrained communities. The Collaborative structure includes: a deep and broad set of

relationships with the most impacted communities that will enable co-development of the entire process from application through implementation and evaluation; expertise overseeing and monitoring all aspects of program implementation, paying particular attention to compliance with EPA and federal requirements; and knowledge and experience to construct an efficient and accessible grantmaking process that meets federal guidelines and funds the most critical environmental and public health work in Indigenous, rural, remote, and urban areas. The Collaborative will work with the Region 5 TCTACs to ensure communities with excessive environmental concerns have access to capacity building resources so that they can meaningfully engage and provide useful feedback to EPA. The Collaborative will also work with a 9–13-member Regional Community Advisory Committee (RAC) that will provide direction and oversight, support outreach and communications, and recommend the slate of sub-grants during each decision-making period. RAC members will be asked to sign a contract that identifies expectations and agreement with a Conflict-of-Interest Policy. The Collaborative has over 100 working relationships with Tribes and Indigenous-led, rural, remote, and urban grassroots organizations across the region, and a track record for making grants to Tribes and CBOs across the six-state region and a knowledge of what works best for capacity constrained organizations in terms of their ability to deliver projects.

Data on Subgrant Applications Received to Date - To date, the Collaborative has received 421 applications for subawards, representing over \$100 million in requests, 20% from rural areas.

Region 6

Recipient: Texas Southern University

Hub Location: Houston, TX

Applicant Type: Public/State Controlled Institution of Higher Education

Award Amount: \$60,000,000

Title: Texas Southern University Bullard Center Thriving Communities Grant

Location: Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and with 66 tribal nations

Partners:

- Achieving Community Tasks Successfully (Houston, TX)
- HBCU-CBO Gulf Coast Equity Consortium (New Orleans, LA)
- HBCU Climate Change Consortium (New Orleans, LA)
- National Black Environmental Justice Network (New Orleans, LA)

Proposed Grantmaker Structure and Goals:

The Bullard Center at Texas Southern University (TSU)—in partnership with Achieving Community Tasks Successfully (ACTS), a community-based nonprofit organization—will serve as a Regional Grantmaker (RGM) for the purpose of working with CBOs that are addressing environmental and public health issues in low capacity and hard to reach communities. The Bullard Center RGM program builds on decades of experience, expertise and trust earned the past three decades in operating centers, consortia, and collaboratives engaged in administering grants to CBOs. The Bullard Center will reach intended organizations and work with local partners to administer the program; providing a level of technical assistance and mentorship that few other organizations would be able to provide, maximizing the impact of subrecipients' work. The Bullard Center, in collaboration with the New Mexico State University TCTAC

and Deep South Center for Environmental Justice TCTAC for New Mexico will provide technical assistance coverage and tribal support. To ensure community-oriented planning and collaboration for the RGM program, the Bullard Center and ACTS will develop a new Advisory Committee (consisting of subject matter experts (SMEs), academic leaders, and leaders of accomplished CBOs), that will provide essential guidance and oversight for the grantmaking program's design and operation. The RGM will provide funds for research incidental to the project design, sampling, testing, monitoring, investigations, surveys and studies, public education, and other activities deemed by the Advisory Committee and/or evaluation committee. The Advisory Committee will also establish guidelines and criteria to mitigate conflict of interest (COI), creating the list of potential reviewers where reviewers will sign a document indicating that they understand the COI plan and that they are qualified under the COI to review applications. Project evaluation will be managed by The Bullard Center, focused on capacity built among CBOs, the perception of changes achieved by subrecipients, particularly in capacity constrained and hard to reach remote communities, and successes and lessons learned.

Region 8

Recipient: JSI Research and Training Institute, Inc

Hub Location: Denver, CO 80202

Applicant Type: Nonprofit

Award Amount: \$60,000,000

Title: Mountains and Plains Grants Hub ("MAP Grants Hub")

Location: (Hub Location – Denver, CO) Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming and 28 Tribal Nations

Partners:

- Montana Watershed Coordination Council (Helena, MT)
- Oglala Lakota Cultural & Economic Revitalization Initiative (Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, SD)
- Dakota Resource Council (Bismarck, ND)
- Wyoming Outdoor Council (Lander, WY)
- Community Health Association of Mountains/Plains States (CHAMPS) (Denver, CO)
- Equitable funding Advisory/Training Partner: Community-Centric Fundraising (Seattle, WA)

Proposed Grantmaker Structure and Goals:

JSI Research and Training Institute, Inc (JSI), together with their partners, will serve as a Regional Grantmaker. The aim is to achieve measurable environmental, public health, and quality of life improvements in the most overburdened, vulnerable and capacity constrained communities by co-designing a grantmaking application and collaborative scoring process, engaging in robust and responsive outreach to communities across Region 8, implementing subgrant management that reduces the burden on subgrantees, and engaging in monitoring, evaluation, and reporting that ensures the integrity, compliance, and impact of the program. The MAP Hub team will work with the National TCGM entity to help to avoid real or perceived conflict of interest. This RGM program activities include establishing the MAP Grants Hub, outreach/in-reach and pre-application support, as well as grants management support and evaluation. The MAP Hub will establish workflows with the TCTAC and National TCGM.

Data on Subgrant Applications Received to Date - As of December 27th, JSI had received 304 applications for subawards, a higher volume than anticipated for the first round of funding.

Region 9

Recipient: Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs (SEE), Inc

Hub Location: Calabasas, CA

Applicant Type: Nonprofit

Award Amount: \$60,000,000

Title: EPA Thriving Communities Subgrant: Grantmakers for EPA Region 9

Location: Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Pacific Islands, 148 Tribes

Partners:

- Community Foundation for Southern Arizona (CFSa) (Tucson, AZ)
- International Community Foundation (ICF) (National City, CA)
- Liberty Hill Foundation (Liberty Hill) (Los Angeles, CA)
- Native Americans in Philanthropy (NAP) (Washington, DC)
- Resources Legacy Fund (RLF) (Sacramento, CA)
- Climate Justice Alliance (Berkeley, CA)

Proposed Grantmaker Structure and Goals:

Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs (SEE) and five grantmaking partners will serve as the Regional Grantmaker (RGM) for Region 9 to collaboratively design a subgrant program, leveraging each partner's existing grantmaking expertise and connections in the local communities of Region 9. With efficiency prioritized at the "top of the funnel" combined with grassroots connections and grantmaking processes and procedures, SEE's proposed grantmaking structure consists of: adaptive application process (online form, phone, previous proposals or video); extensive and intensive in-person outreach in rural and remote areas, prioritizing those where financial resources are needed to meet urgent needs; geographically and community-centered outreach plans involving local, trusted individuals; and a streamlined award process to fund projects in communities that are extremely overburdened with pollution, or experience high levels of environmental or health risks and cooperative oversight.

Led by SEE and a cohort of five grantmaking partners, the RGM for the Thriving Communities Subgrant will design competitive application in-take and evaluation processes centered on efficiently and effectively addressing urgent environmental and public health issues across the region. All grantmaking partners will engage in mapping out the landscape of stakeholders and consult with trusted community leaders, including faith leaders, tribal leaders, community-based organizations, local government officials, academics, and others to understand community dynamics, local environmental issues, and the most pressing needs. The RGM will establish criteria and procedures for the Community Advisory Panel to mitigate conflict of interest including disclosure of relationships to potential applicants and recusal mechanisms to prevent actual or apparent conflicts of interest. Grantmaker partners will rely on leaders to

point toward the projects with the ripest opportunity for impact and the community-based organization doing the most critical work.

Region 10

Recipient: Philanthropy Northwest

Hub Location: Seattle, WA

Applicant Type: Nonprofit

Award Amount: \$60,000,000

Title: Northwest Network for Environmental Justice

Location: Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and 271 Tribal Nations

Partners:

- Alaska Conservation Foundation (Anchorage, AK)
- Denali Commission (Anchorage, AK)
- Rasmuson Foundation (Anchorage, AK)
- Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health (Boise ID)
- Nonprofit Association of Oregon (Portland, OR)
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- Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (Portland, OR)
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Together with partners that hold deep community relationships across Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and 271 Native tribes, Philanthropy Northwest's (PNW) goal is to ensure rural organizations and other lower capacity and hard to reach communities have access to EPA's Thriving Communities resources to improve environmental and community health and wellbeing. Woven throughout PNW's cooperative structure is a deliberate and intentional process to center community members in decision-making. The collective work will result in increased support to communities working on community-identified environmental and public health issues. PNW also brings a strong track record of increasing awareness of local community needs and solutions to Grantmakers who are positioned to provide support to all EPA grant applicants. During the project initiation period, PNW will establish procedures and finalize a conflict-of-interest policy. PNW's plan for EPA's Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program centers cooperative oversight and leverages the knowledge and relationships of its partners; and addresses environmental and public health issues for communities. This framework puts decision-making into the hands of communities and adds legitimacy, public accountability, and a sense of agency and control over the process and decisions affecting communities.

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Greenpeace Owes More Than \$660M In Dakota Pipeline Case

By Cara Salvatore

Greenpeace said Wednesday that a jury ordered it to pay more than \$660 million in a suit alleging the group falsely disparaged the Dakota Access Pipeline project amid environmental protests, a case the organization has called a threat to its future and an attack on free speech.

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FCPA Uncertainty May Lead Attys To 'Gamble' On Disclosure

By Phillip Bantz

The Trump administration's pullback on Foreign Corrupt Practices Act enforcement is sowing confusion in the white collar bar, as companies consider whether to voluntarily disclose potential violations of the anti-bribery law while the chances of getting a favorable resolution seem good or keep quiet until the dust settles.

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4 Firms Steer Apollo's Buy Of Majority Stake In Energy Biz

By Jade Martinez-Pogue

Private equity giant Apollo on Wednesday announced that it has agreed to take a majority stake in offshore energy solutions business OEG Energy Group, in a \$1 billion deal that was built by four law firms.

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By Carla Baranauckas

A former Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp. executive facing a bribery trial next month has fired Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison LLP from his defense team following the Trump administration's revocation of the firm's security clearances, according to a withdrawal motion filed Wednesday by firm partner Roberto Finzi.

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Robbins Geller Escapes Sanctions In Gas Price-Fixing Suit

By Adrian Cruz

A California federal judge on Wednesday rejected a bid to sanction Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP attorneys in a gas price-fixing suit, determining that the firm didn't act in bad faith or unreasonably multiply proceedings in a way that unnecessarily cost Alon USA Energy millions.

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Bondholders Say \$2B Venezuelan Bond Contracts Are Valid

By Joyce Hanson

The holders of approximately \$2 billion in defaulted bonds issued by Venezuela's state-owned oil company Petróleos de Venezuela SA have urged a New York federal court to enforce their contracts with PDVSA, saying the country hasn't shown how its domestic law makes the bonds invalid.

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Fed. Circ. Says Lacking License Dooms DOD Fuel Deal Protest

By Daniel Wilson

The Federal Circuit refused Wednesday to revive a case challenging a \$134 million sole-source fuel supply contract for the U.S. military in Djibouti, saying the challenger wasn't eligible for the deal even if the Defense Logistics Agency had opened it up to competition.

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Carrier Penalized For Historic Fuel Spill In Connecticut

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Broadband Pole Upgrades Depend On States, Pew Says

By Nadia Dreid

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Plastic Recycler Gets OK For Ch. 11 Financing

By Rick Archer

A Delaware bankruptcy judge on Wednesday gave an Indiana plastic recycling plant permission to make an initial draw on \$13 million in Chapter 11 financing as it heads toward a May sale of its assets.

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Ex-Worker Says Honeywell Must Face Retooled 401(k) Suit

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By Andrea Keckley

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As three recent Delaware bankruptcy cases show, debtors who seek approval of a stalking horse bid protections agreement should be prepared for the U.S. Trustee Office's objections, including if the proposed classification for the bid protections is a superpriority administrative expense claim, says Kyle Arendsen at Squire Patton.

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Plaintiffs Attys Fight Arbitration, While Imposing It On Clients

By Brandon Lowrey

Plaintiffs attorney groups have for decades lobbied against forced arbitration, saying it strips injured consumers and aggrieved workers of their right to jury trial and hides corporate misconduct from public view. But many plaintiffs lawyers nationwide have subjected their own clients to forced arbitration in their retainer contracts — including leaders of some organizations that forbid the practice, Law360 has found.

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DC Circ.'s Copyright Denial Of AI Art Is A Sign Of Future Fights

By Ivan Moreno

A computer scientist's quest to register artwork made by his artificial intelligence system hit another roadblock this week when the D.C. Circuit concluded that only human authors qualify for copyright protection, but his case foreshadows complex questions that courts and perhaps Congress will have to grapple with as the technology evolves.

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Ohio Judge Blasts Fla. Atty In Opioid MDL For False Statements

By Carolina Bolado

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Goldstein Says Feds 'Misled' Court With Obstruction Claim

By Phillip Bantz

U.S. Supreme Court lawyer and SCOTUSblog publisher Tom Goldstein wants a Maryland federal judge to sanction prosecutors in his tax evasion case for a "pattern of false and misleading statements" to the court accusing him of hiding millions in cryptocurrency and bribing his former law firm manager.

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'Weird' Mass Arb. Fights Have Judge Questioning FAA's Reach

By Craig Clough

A California federal judge who held Verizon's arbitration agreements to be unconscionable told a law forum panel Wednesday in San Diego that the rise of mass arbitration cases and companies' increasingly "creative" efforts to avoid arbitration has him finding the process "weird" and asking, "What's wrong with the courts?"

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Leader Of Brothel That Catered To Attys, Execs Gets 4 Years

By Julie Manganis

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Bradley Expands Houston Office With Bankruptcy, Corporate Trio

By Corey Rothauser

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Alex Jones' Sandy Hook Atty Wants Suspension Halved

By Brian Steele

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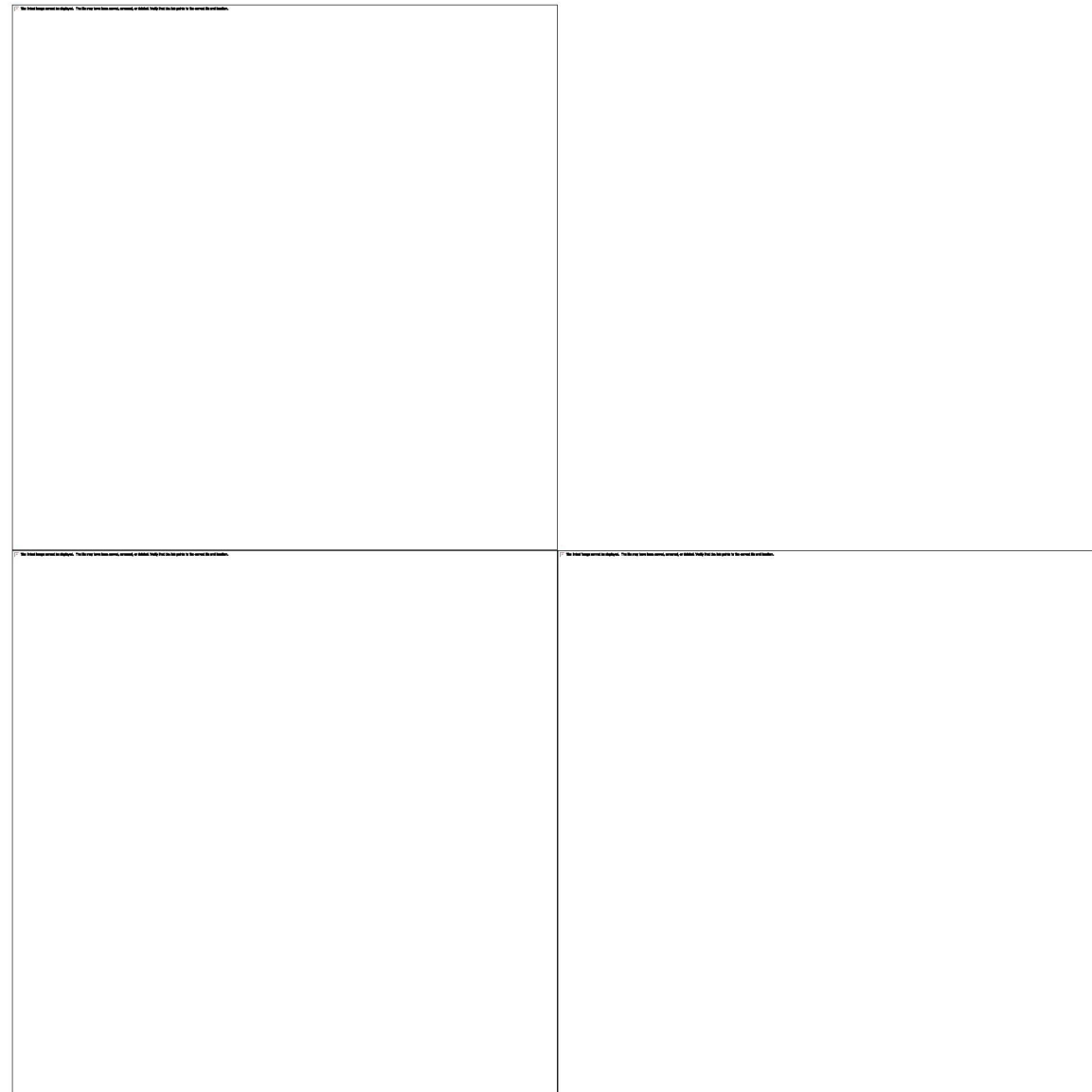
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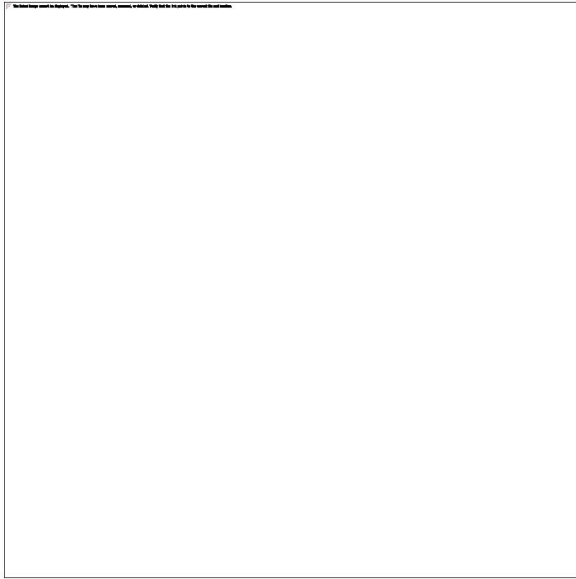
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EU Accuses Google Of Breaking New Big Tech Rules

By Matthew Perlman

European enforcers accused Google on Wednesday of violating the bloc's new rules for digital markets by favoring its own services in search results and through restrictions in its Play Store, while also outlining steps Apple needs to take to comply.

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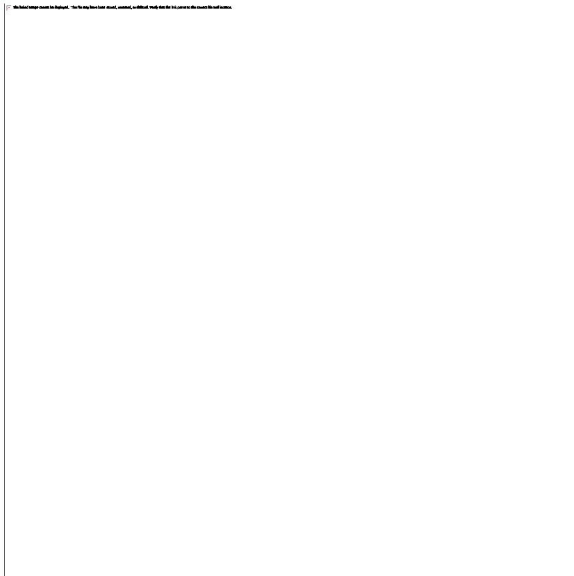
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Mich. Judges Fret Over Danger Of Proposed Disclosure Rules

By Danielle Ferguson

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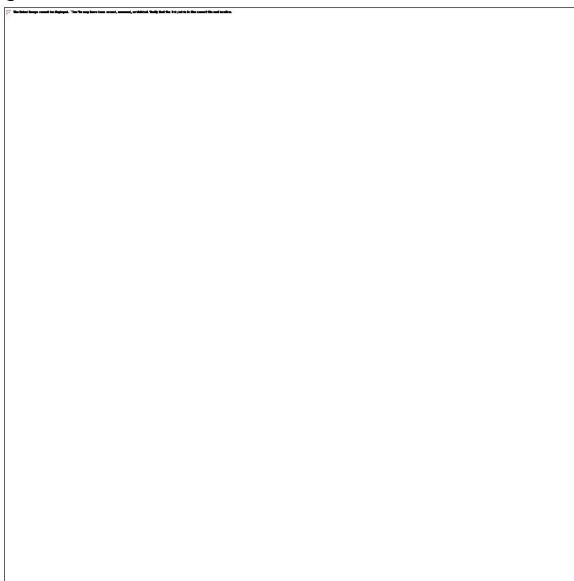


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Mich. Senate Asks High Court To Fast-Track Stalled Bill Case

By Carolyn Muyskens

The Michigan Senate has appealed directly to the Great Lakes State's highest court, saying the court's swift intervention is needed to resolve a "constitutional confrontation" that arose when the House refused to send passed legislation to the governor.



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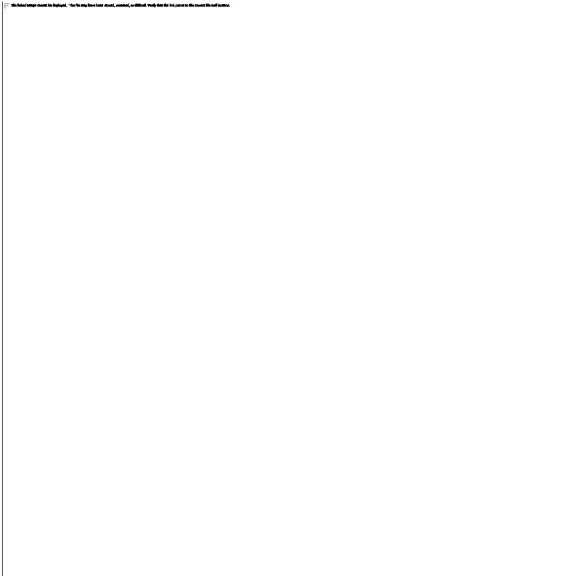
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Ga. Beats Another Challenge To 2021 Voting Law

By Chart Riggall

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By Aislinn Keely

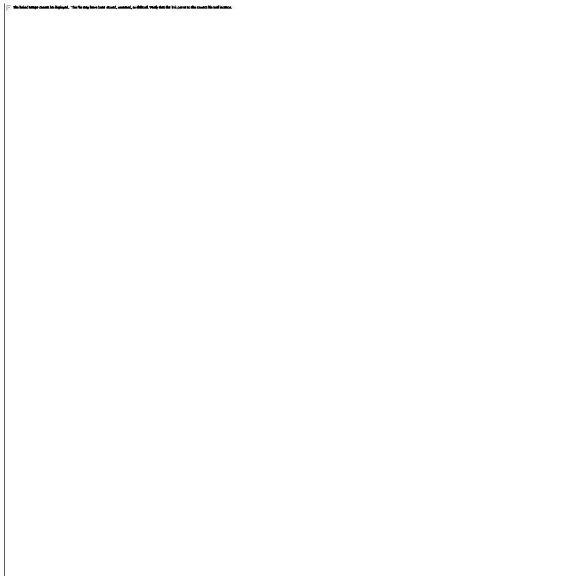
Ripple Labs CEO Brad Garlinghouse said Wednesday the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission will drop its Second Circuit appeal of a summary judgment in its headline-grabbing enforcement action over Ripple's XRP token.

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Lenders Rally For CDFI Fund After Trump Orders Cuts

By Jon Hill

A broad coalition of lender trade groups is lobbying in support of a key federal program aimed at boosting Main Street investment, defending it to lawmakers after President Donald Trump ordered the program slashed as much as possible.



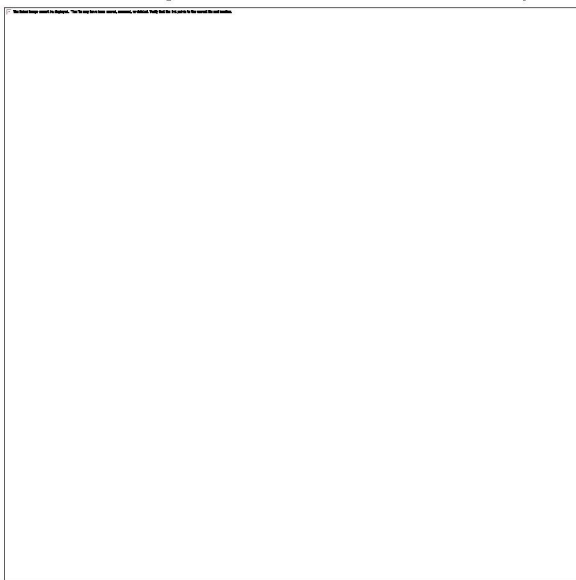
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ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

Monsanto Lawyers Face Reduced Penalties Over PCB Reports

By Rachel Riley

A Washington state judge has partially reconsidered a decision to personally sanction eight attorneys representing Monsanto for late disclosure of expert reports ahead of a Seattle PCB tort trial, downgrading some of the penalties while still concluding the defense team deliberately violated a court scheduling order at the company's behest.

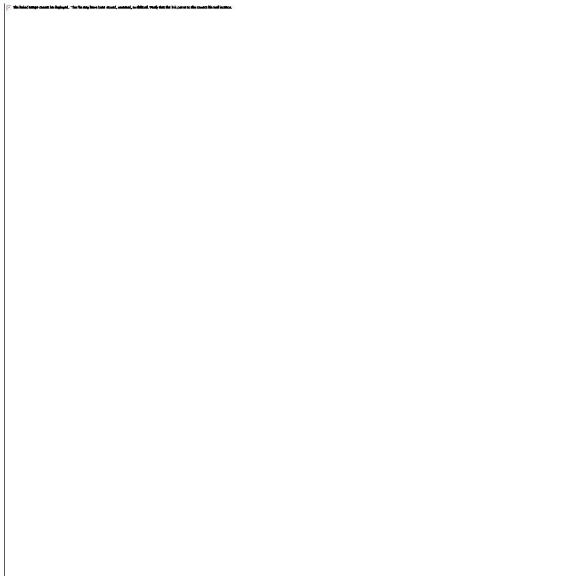


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Wash. Water Quality Regs Survive Industry Challenge

By Juan-Carlos Rodriguez

A federal judge on Wednesday upheld Washington state water quality standards that were challenged by business groups after they were approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.



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MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

Trade Group Sues La. Over Social Media Age Restrictions

By Nadia Dreid

Tech trade group NetChoice is going after a new Louisiana law that would restrict minors' access to social media and ban companies from showing them targeted ads, saying the law blocks children's access to protected speech and is a "fiasco for free speech and online safety."

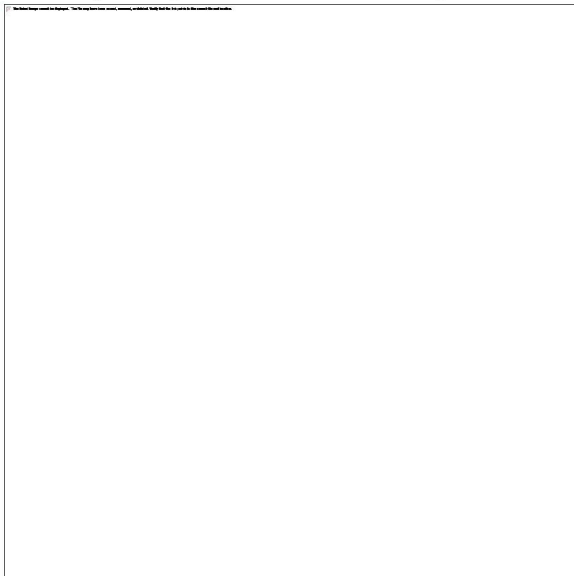
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TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

NY DOT Says Feds' Bid To Kill Congestion Pricing Is 'Unlawful'

By Linda Chiem

The New York State Department of Transportation told a Manhattan federal judge Wednesday that the Trump administration's efforts to kill New York City's congestion pricing program unlawfully interfere with the Empire State's authority to implement state law and protect New Yorkers' health and welfare.



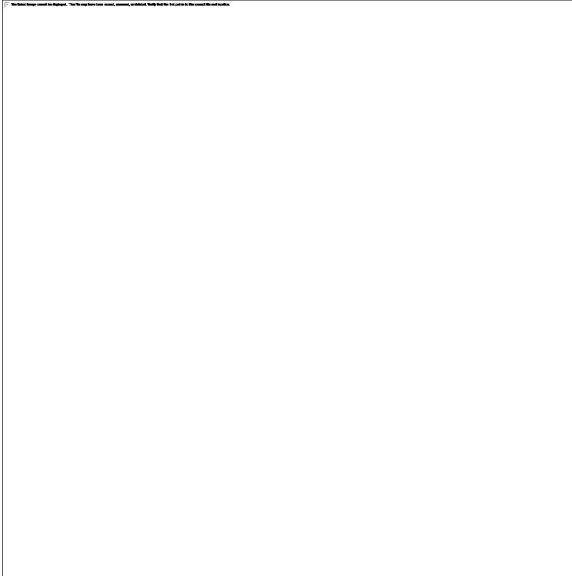
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REAL ESTATE

10th Circ. Says 'Corner-Crossing' Hunters Didn't Trespass

By Thy Vo

A Tenth Circuit panel has ruled that Wyoming hunters who used an A-frame ladder to cross over private property to access public lands didn't trespass, finding an 1885 American frontier law protects the public's right to "corner-cross" and access public lands that are otherwise enclosed by private property.

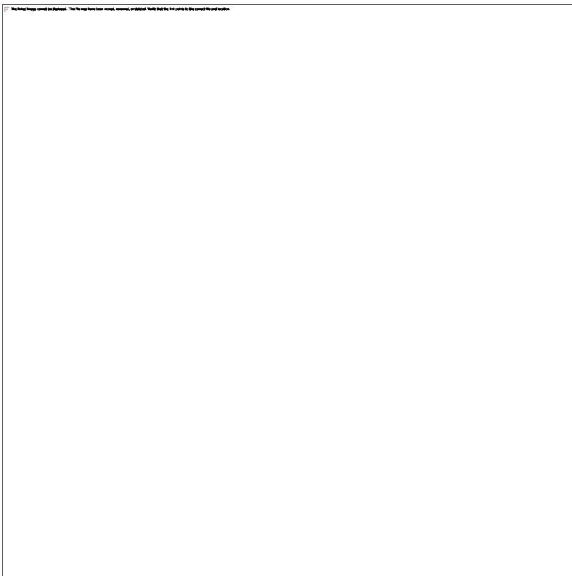


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Fla. Court Affirms Boardwalk Easement, Despite Defunct Law

By Grace Dixon

Florida's First District Court of Appeal confirmed Wednesday that Walton County, Florida, had a right to a public easement on a beach, finding it need not have exercised that right before the federal government repealed the law under which the land was conveyed to private owners.

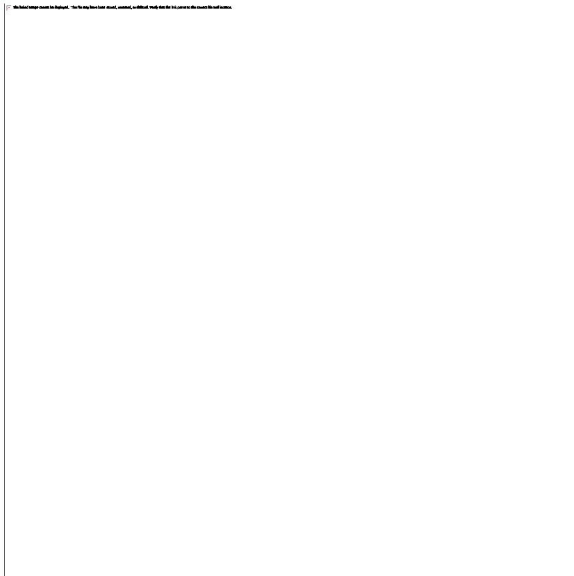


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LA City Office Claims Group Ran Illegal STR Scheme

By Isaac Monterose

A group advertised and rented out illegal short-term and long-term rentals in Los Angeles and also illegally jacked up rent prices after the January wildfires occurred in LA, the LA City Attorney's Office alleged in a state court suit.



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EMPLOYMENT & BENEFITS

Judge Questions Standing In DEI Executive Orders Challenge

By Jared Foretek

A D.C. federal judge on Wednesday questioned whether three civil rights nonprofits have standing to block the Trump administration's executive orders ending federal diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility programs and cutting off funding for groups focused on minority populations.

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EEOC, DOJ Advise Workers To Look Out For DEI-Based Bias

By Patrick Hoff

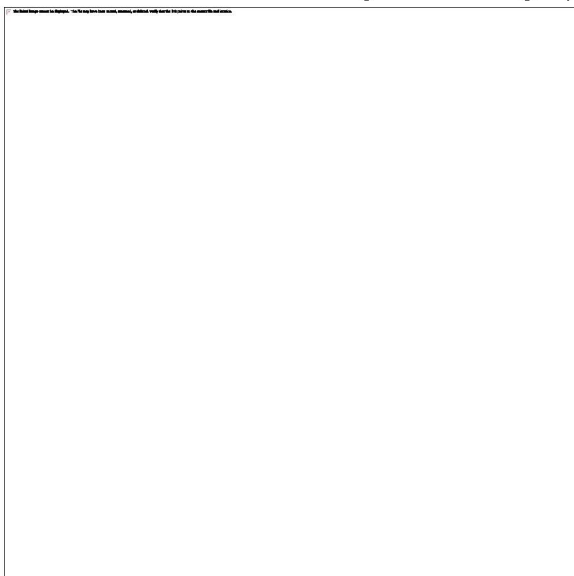
The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission paired with the U.S. Department of Justice on Wednesday to issue guidance explaining how workers can recognize and report bias tied to diversity, equity and inclusion programs, part of the Trump administration's broader effort targeting the practices across public and private workplaces.

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Conn. Justices Say ALJs Can Clearly Award Disability Benefits

By Ryan Harroff

Reversing a lower court, the Connecticut Supreme Court has ruled that state law plainly empowers administrative law judges to award ongoing temporary disability benefits in workers' compensation cases, such as one brought by a hospital worker whose wrist was damaged restraining a patient.

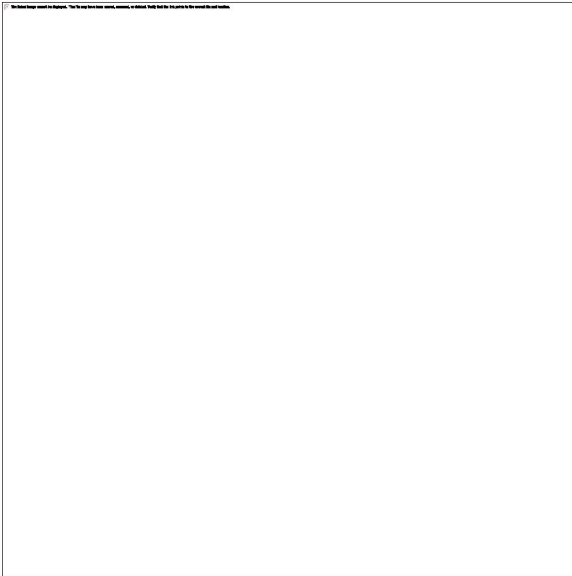


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MLM Cosmetics Co. Doesn't Pay Any Wages, Stylist Says

By Emmy Freedman

A multilevel marketing company illegally classifies stylists as independent contractors, thus forcing them to foot the bill for promoting the company's products, and only pays workers a commission and for recruiting more stylists, a lawsuit filed in California state court said.



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How They Won It

How Cleary, Simpson Thacher Went To The Mattresses With FTC

By Bryan Koenig

The Federal Trade Commission's attempt to block Tempur Sealy's \$5 billion bid to acquire retailer Mattress Firm suffered a likely fatal blow when a Texas federal court refused to put the merger on hold.

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Fired FTC Dem Warns Of Billionaire Influence On Trump

By Thy Vo

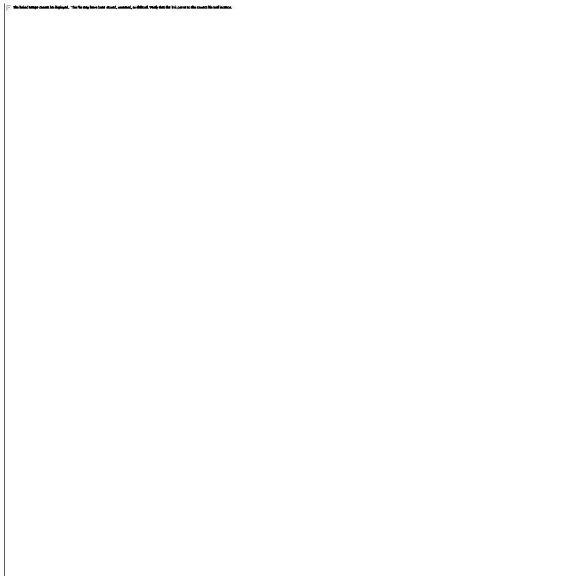
A Democrat who was terminated by President Donald Trump from the Federal Trade Commission said Wednesday that the public should be concerned about "which billionaire has the president's ear" when the next "mega-merger" is proposed, in remarks to a Colorado legislative committee the day after his firing.

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DOJ Says Anthropic View Of Google Search Fix Is Now Moot

By Jared Foretek

The U.S. Department of Justice is urging a D.C. federal judge to dismiss Anthropic's bid to submit witness declarations in the remedies phase of the government's search antitrust case against Google, arguing that it already dropped the proposed remedy that drew Anthropic's input in the first place.

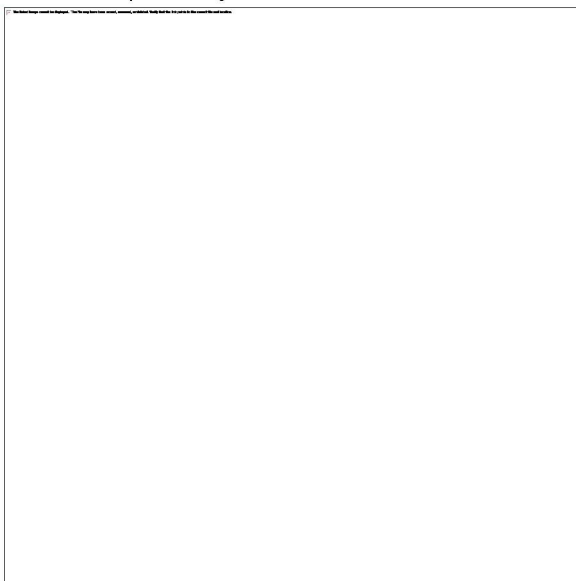


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DOJ Defends Rejection Of Agri Stats Bid For Data Points

By Matthew Perlman

The U.S. Department of Justice is defending a decision in Minnesota federal court denying a bid from Agri Stats Inc. to make enforcers identify specific data fields in company reports that allegedly allow chicken, pork and turkey producers to share competitively sensitive information.



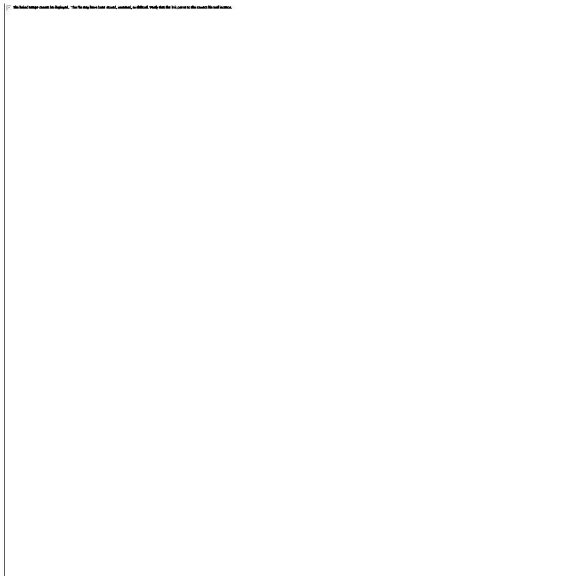
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CYBERSECURITY & PRIVACY

3rd Circ. Passes On Appeal Of NJ Judicial Privacy Law Ruling

By Ryan Boysen

Data brokers cannot consolidate dozens of lawsuits in federal court that claim they violated the New Jersey data privacy statute known as Daniel's Law, after the Third Circuit declined to revisit an earlier ruling that sent the lawsuits back to state court.



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[Connecticut Jury Awards \\$5.7M To Murder Exoneree](#)

By Aaron Keller

A Connecticut federal jury on Wednesday handed an exonerated murder defendant \$5.7 million, finding a town police officer negligent for failing to stop evidence fabrication by a state police interrogator.

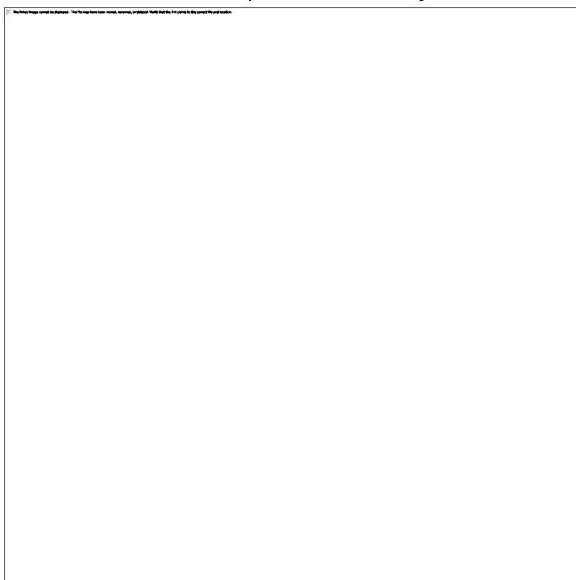
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TAX

[Switzerland, Zimbabwe Sign Tax Treaty](#)

By Kevin Pinner

Switzerland and Zimbabwe signed an agreement Wednesday for a treaty to avoid double taxation of income, an expansion of the Swiss treaty network in southern Africa that has been welcomed by cantons and businesses, according to Switzerland's competent authority.



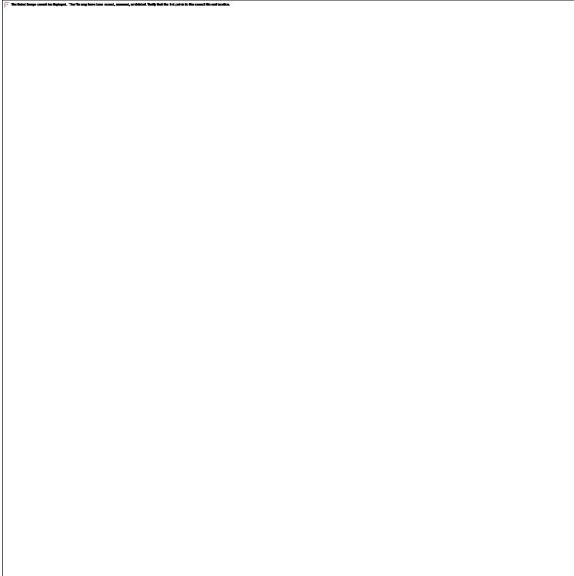
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[NY Judge Transfers Columbia Activist's Case To NJ](#)

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A Manhattan federal judge on Wednesday transferred Palestinian activist and Columbia University graduate student Mahmoud Khalil's petition seeking his release after he was arrested by Immigration and Customs Enforcement to New Jersey.

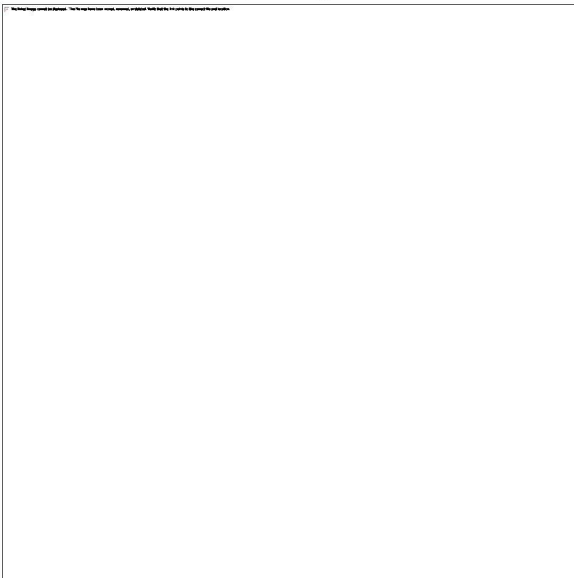


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Judge Extends Feds' Deadline For Deportation Flight Info

By Britain Eakin

U.S. District Judge James Boasberg on Wednesday gave the Trump administration another day to provide more details about flights containing Venezuelans deported under the 1798 Alien Enemies Act, after the government said it might invoke state secrets privilege.



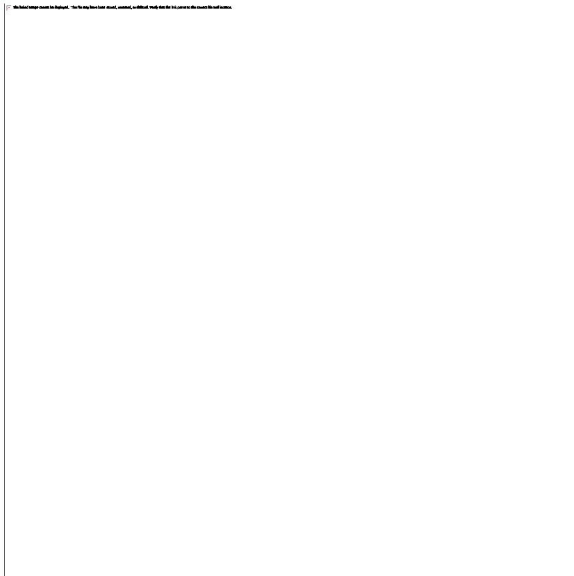
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8th Circuit Rejects Minn. Tribe's Jurisdiction Rehearing Bid

By Crystal Owens

The Eighth Circuit on Wednesday denied a Minnesota tribe's request for a panel or en banc rehearing on a decision to remand and vacate its challenge over law enforcement jurisdiction on its reservation after it told the court last month that its assessment of the case conflicts with precedent.

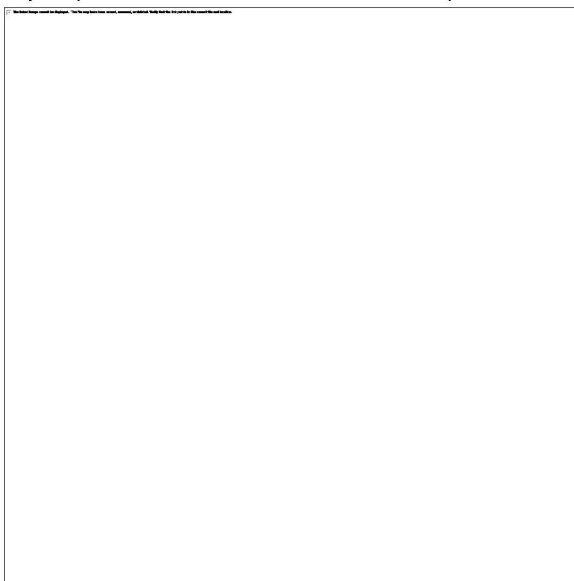


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Judge Carves Up Arkansas Cherokee Casino License Dispute

By Crystal Owens

Cherokee Nation businesses can proceed with three of their claims against Arkansas in a dispute over the revocation of a casino license, a federal court judge said, while allowing the state to nix allegations that the tribal entities were deprived of equal protection and substantive due process.



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California Rancheria Can Comment On Casino Land Dispute

By Joyce Hanson

A D.C. federal judge has let the Redding Rancheria file a friend of the court brief in two tribes' challenge to the U.S. government's decision to take 221 acres into trust for the rancheria's casino project, ruling it has a special interest in the litigation.

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Interior Department Transfers 680 Acres To North Dakota Tribe

By Crystal Owens

The Spirit Lake Nation and the U.S. Department of the Interior are hailing the recently completed transfer of 680 acres back to the North Dakota tribe — land taken by the federal government in a mid-19th-century territory treaty — as a change that will benefit the tribe and that the tribe has pursued for decades.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Broadband Pole Upgrades Depend On States, Pew Says

By Nadia Dreid

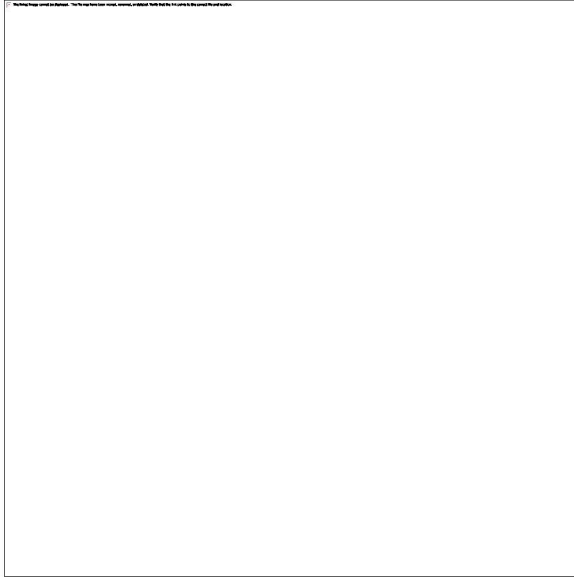
States need to make sure their pole attachment process is running smoothly, or it could be the cause for a lot of broadband deployment holdups, according to a new study released by Pew Charitable Trusts.

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Broadcasters Say Next-Gen TV Could Back Up GPS

By Christopher Cole

Broadcasters told federal regulators the impending transition to next-generation TV could come with an added benefit — the creation of a broadcast spectrum-based backup to the Global Positioning System.



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Republican FCC Aide Named NTIA's Acting Head

By Christopher Cole

The White House has named Adam Cassady, formerly a top Republican aide at the Federal Communications Commission, as acting chief of the U.S. Department of Commerce branch in charge of federal spectrum policy.

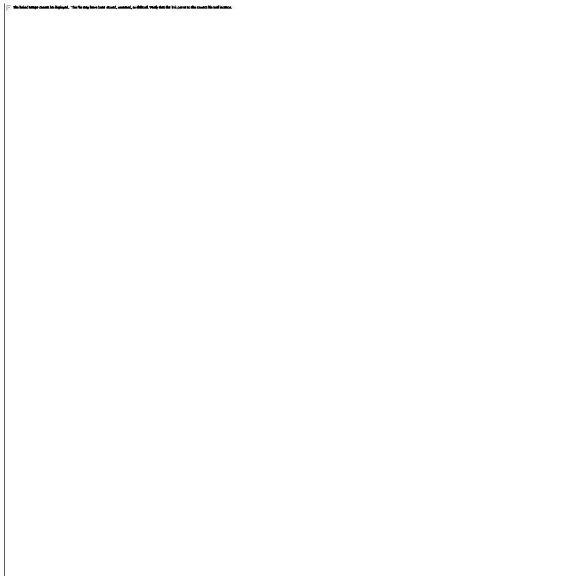
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CANNABIS

Pot Co. Can't Upend Borough's Support For Rival Shop

By Mike Curley

A New Jersey appeals panel won't let a would-be Keyport cannabis dispensary prevent the borough from granting support for a cannabis license to one of its rivals, saying the trial court was right to find that the process was not arbitrary or capricious.

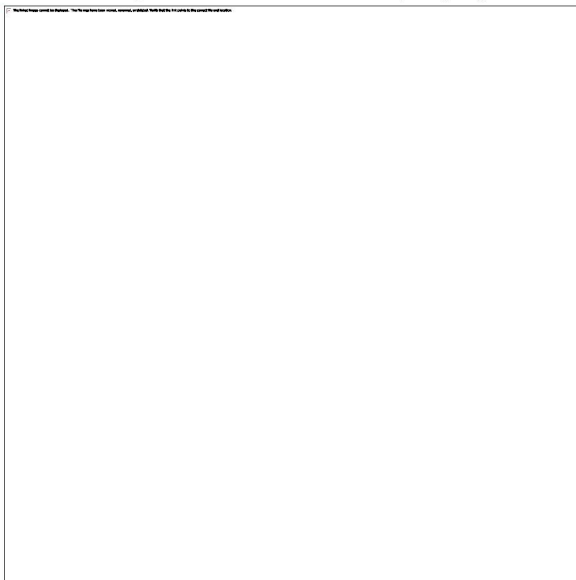


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Court Tosses Challenge To Indiana's Delta-8 THC Policy

By Sam Reisman

An Indiana federal judge has dismissed a challenge brought by hemp industry stakeholders against Indiana's policy to rein in hemp-derived delta-8 THC, saying the case was a matter for a state court.

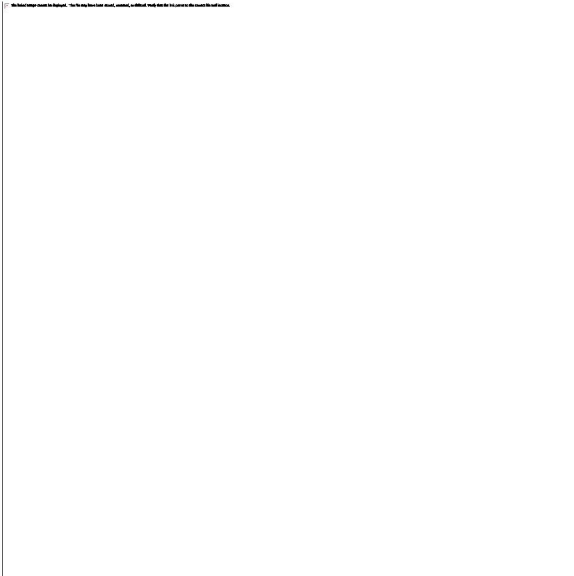


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EXPERT ANALYSIS

What's Old And New In The CFTC's Self-Reporting Advisory

Attorneys at Blank Rome analyze the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission's recent advisory that aims to provide clarity on self-reporting violations of the Commodity Exchange Act, and review whether market participants should shift their thinking — or not — when it comes to cooperation with the CFTC.



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Investor Essentials For Buying Federally Owned Property

Investors and developers can take advantage of the Trump administration's plan to sell government-owned real estate by becoming familiar with the process and eligible to bid, and should prepare to move quickly once the U.S. General Services Administration posts the list of properties for sale, say attorneys at Holland & Knight.

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How 2025 Is Shaping The Future Of Bank Mergers So Far

Whether the long-anticipated great wave of consolidation in the U.S. banking industry will finally arrive in 2025 remains to be seen, but the conditions for bank mergers are more favorable now than they have been in years, say attorneys at Skadden.

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Opinion

Upholding Tribal Sovereignty Benefits US And Indian Country

The Trump administration's broad moves to end diversity, equity and inclusion programs are negatively affecting many tribal programs, but supporting tribal sovereignty would serve the federal government's deregulatory goals and ensure that tribes have the resources they need, says Ellen Grover at BB&K.

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Constitutional Foundations Of Gov't-Guaranteed Investments

For attorneys advising clients with exposure to government-backed investments, understanding the constitutional guardrails on presidential impoundment offers essential guidance for risk assessment, contract strategy and litigation planning, says Mauni Jalali at Quinn Emanuel.

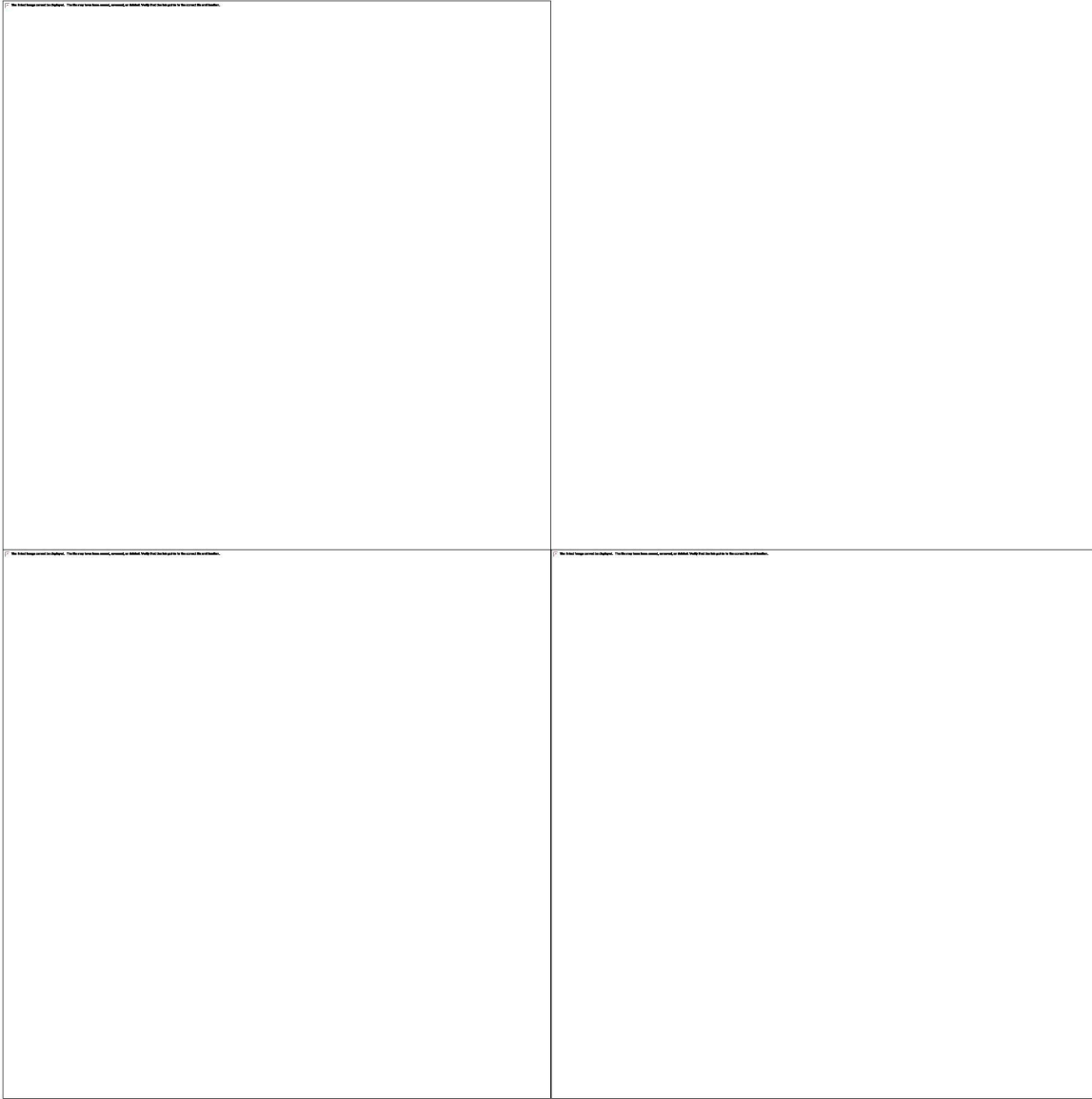
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As I adjusted to the multifaceted workflow of a BigLaw firm after leaving the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, working side by side with new colleagues on complex matters proved the fastest way to build a deep rapport and demonstrate my value, says Jennifer Lee at Jenner & Block.

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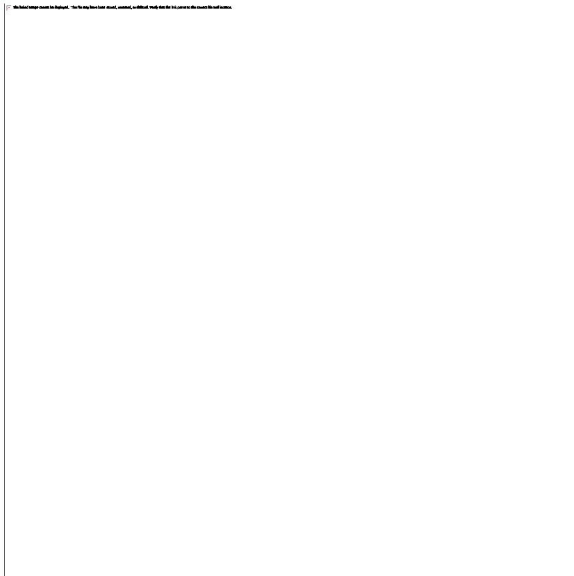


LEGAL INDUSTRY

Ex-Cognizant CLO Fires Paul Weiss After Trump Order

By Carla Baranauckas

A former Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp. executive facing a bribery trial next month has fired Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison LLP from his defense team following the Trump administration's revocation of the firm's security clearances, according to a withdrawal motion filed Wednesday by firm partner Roberto Finzi.



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Plaintiffs Attys Fight Arbitration, While Imposing It On Clients

By Brandon Lowrey

Plaintiffs attorney groups have for decades lobbied against forced arbitration, saying it strips injured consumers and aggrieved workers of their right to jury trial and hides corporate misconduct from public view. But many plaintiffs lawyers nationwide have subjected their own clients to forced arbitration in their retainer contracts — including leaders of some organizations that forbid the practice, Law360 has found.

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Analysis

DC Circ.'s Copyright Denial Of AI Art Is A Sign Of Future Fights

By Ivan Moreno

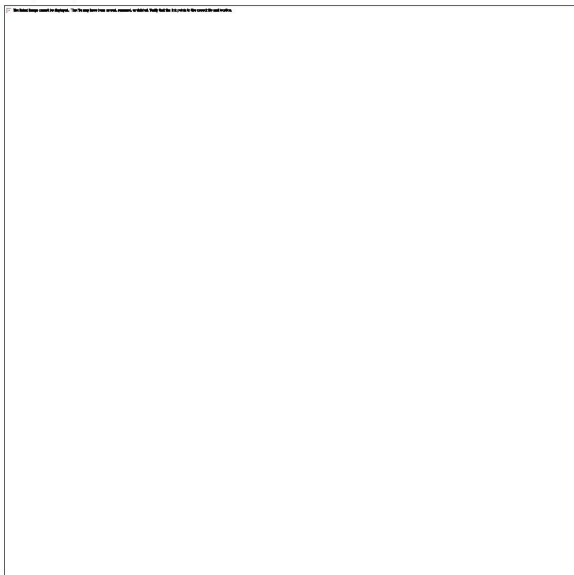
A computer scientist's quest to register artwork made by his artificial intelligence system hit another roadblock this week when the D.C. Circuit concluded that only human authors qualify for copyright protection, but his case foreshadows complex questions that courts and perhaps Congress will have to grapple with as the technology evolves.

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Ohio Judge Blasts Fla. Atty In Opioid MDL For False Statements

By Carolina Bolado

The Ohio federal judge overseeing multidistrict opioid litigation has sanctioned a Florida attorney who represents 15 municipal subdivision plaintiffs for repeatedly stating that members of their attorney leadership team regularly engaged in improper communications with the court.

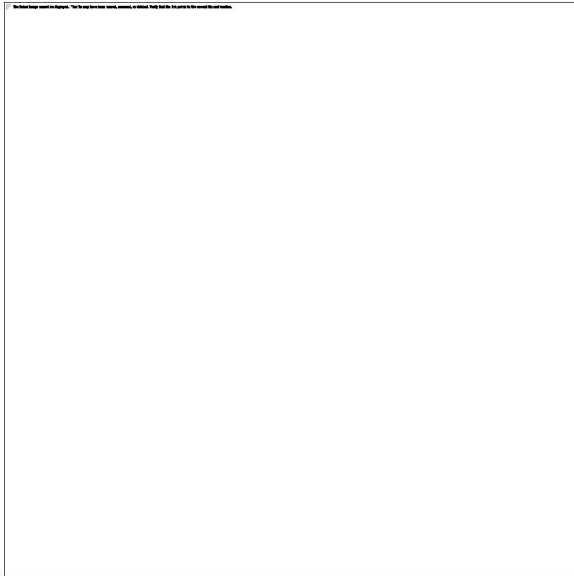


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Goldstein Says Feds 'Misled' Court With Obstruction Claim

By Phillip Bantz

U.S. Supreme Court lawyer and SCOTUSblog publisher Tom Goldstein wants a Maryland federal judge to sanction prosecutors in his tax evasion case for a "pattern of false and misleading statements" to the court accusing him of hiding millions in cryptocurrency and bribing his former law firm manager.



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'Weird' Mass Arb. Fights Have Judge Questioning FAA's Reach

By Craig Clough

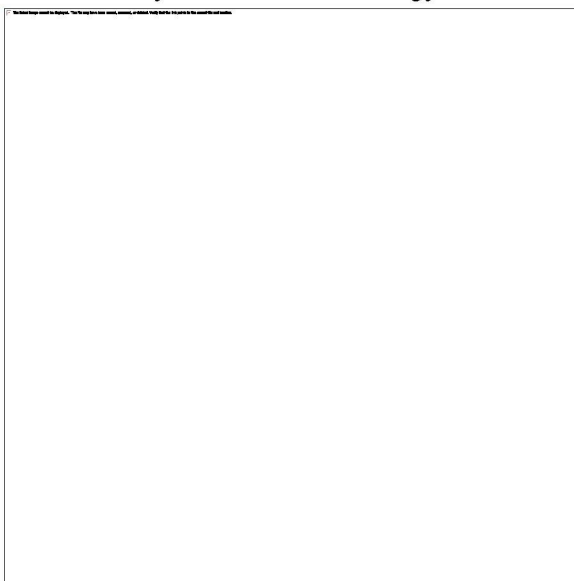
A California federal judge who held Verizon's arbitration agreements to be unconscionable told a law forum panel Wednesday in San Diego that the rise of mass arbitration cases and companies' increasingly "creative" efforts to avoid arbitration has him finding the process "weird" and asking, "What's wrong with the courts?"

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Robbins Geller Escapes Sanctions In Gas Price-Fixing Suit

By Adrian Cruz

A California federal judge on Wednesday rejected a bid to sanction Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP attorneys in a gas price-fixing suit, determining that the firm didn't act in bad faith or unreasonably multiply proceedings in a way that unnecessarily cost Alon USA Energy millions.



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Leader Of Brothel That Catered To Attys, Execs Gets 4 Years

By Julie Manganis

The head of a network of brothels that operated out of luxury apartments in the Boston and Washington, D.C., areas and counted lawyers, political figures and executives among its clientele was sentenced to four years in prison on Wednesday.

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Bradley Expands Houston Office With Bankruptcy, Corporate Trio

By Corey Rothauser

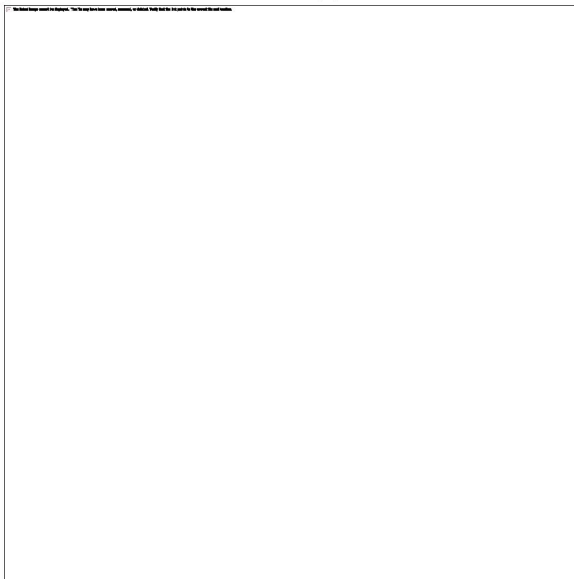
Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP said Wednesday that it has expanded its bankruptcy and corporate team in Houston with the addition of three attorneys from Chamberlain Hrdlicka White Williams & Aughtry, including the former chair of the firm's bankruptcy, restructuring and creditor rights practice.

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Alex Jones' Sandy Hook Atty Wants Suspension Halved

By Brian Steele

A Connecticut attorney suspended for two weeks over his role in the mishandling of Sandy Hook families' confidential records has asked a state court judge to credit him for a weeklong suspension he served more than two years ago and to pause the order while he appeals.

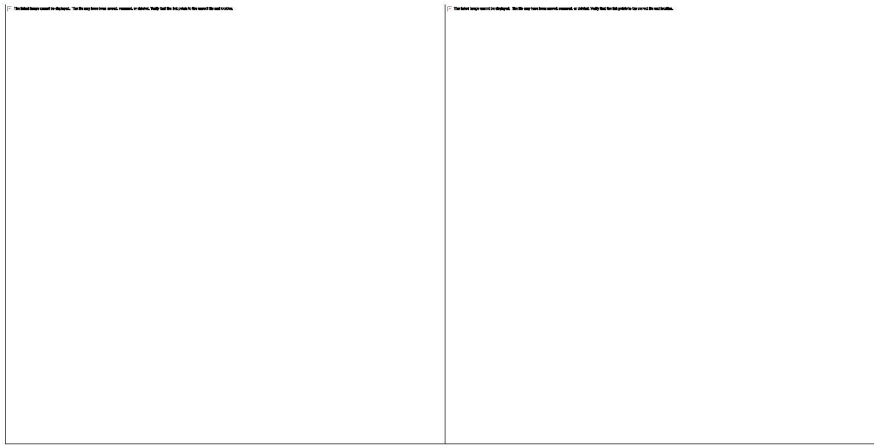


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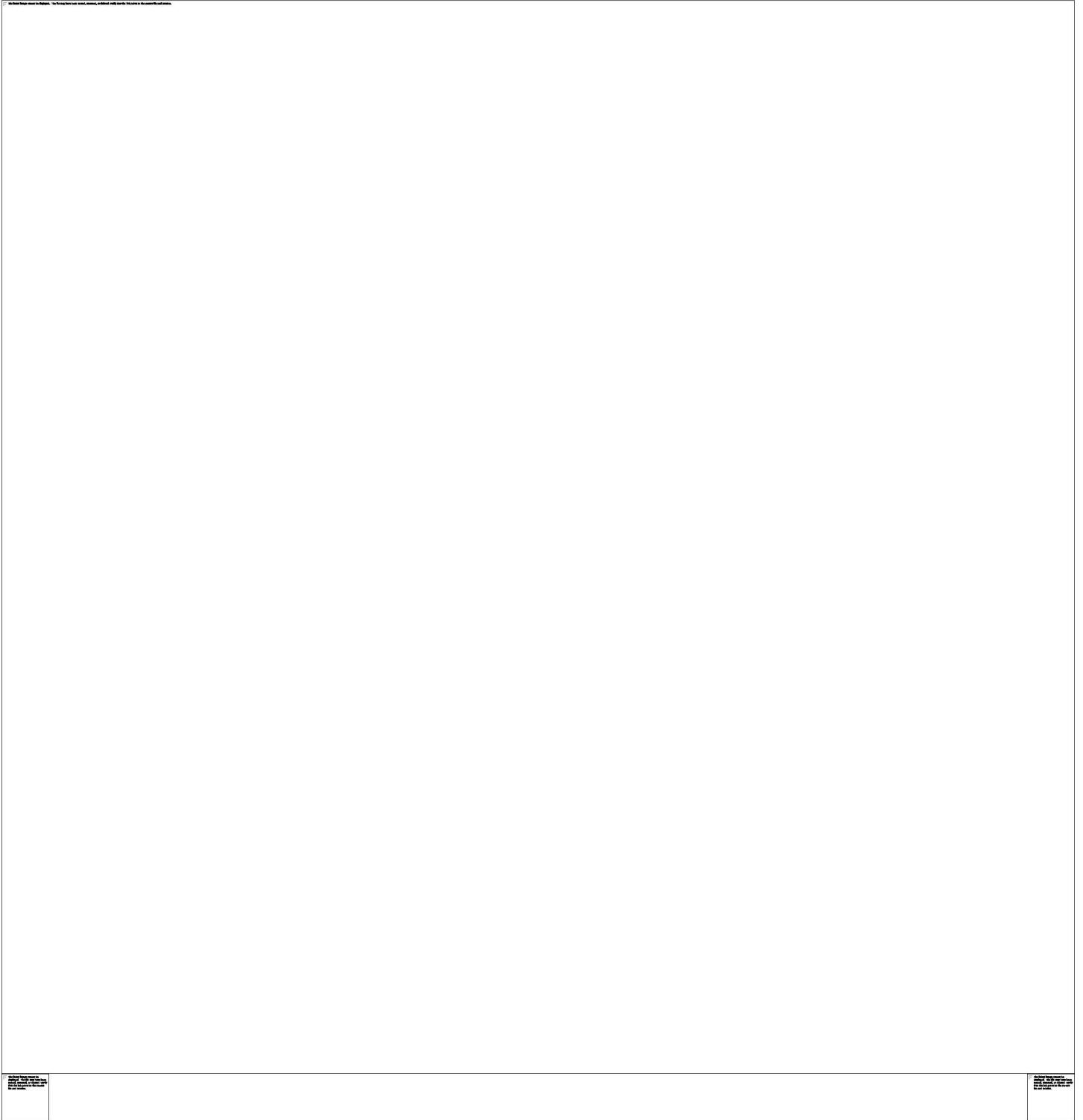
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Message

Sent: 3/24/2025 5:17:26 PM
To: Talmage, Sarah [Talmage.Sarah@epa.gov]; Amidon, Eric [Amidon.Eric@epa.gov]
CC: Molina, Michael [molina.michael@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Grant terminations 3/10

I think there are 2 different pieces of information here that we'll need OMS to track.

- 1 – Public Announcements of Grant Cancellations (w/ internal freeze/hold on OMS/OCFO affiliated account)
- 2 – OMS Implementation to Actually Cancel Grant (some lag here because of large number to process and now litigation impacts resulting in TROs/holds)

Michael—Can you make sure OMS is tracking the two elements: (1) when we tell them to initiate a cancellation

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Travis Voyles
C: (202) 787-0595

From: Talmage, Sarah <Talmage.Sarah@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 12:16 PM
To: Voyles, Travis <voyles.travis@epa.gov>; Amidon, Eric <Amidon.Eric@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Grant terminations 3/10

Is the below list the "4 rounds". I spoke with Molly and Dan Coogan and neither were too sure.

FYI – LZ is meeting with Sen. Murkowski tomorrow morning at 9:15 AM (this just got scheduled).

- 1. February 13 – 1 grant
- 2. March 3 – ~15 grants
- 3. March 10 – ~450 grants
- 4. March 11 – 8 grants

From: Mencher, Daniel (Appropriations) <Daniel_Mencher@appro.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 10:46 AM
To: Talmage, Sarah <Talmage.Sarah@epa.gov>
Cc: Newton, Anna (Appropriations) <Anna_Newton@appro.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant terminations 3/10

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Ok, thanks. But to confirm these are from the fourth grant cancellation announcement? What about the grants from the previous three cancellations? We've been asking about those for 6+ weeks.


From: Talmage, Sarah <Talmage.Sarah@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 9:33 AM
To: Mencher, Daniel (Appropriations) <Daniel_Mencher@appro.senate.gov>
Cc: Newton, Anna (Appropriations) <Anna_Newton@appro.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant terminations 3/10

Hi Daniel –

I should have clarified. It will take some time to process the full 400. As such, we will send you updates on a rolling basis. Will send you updates ASAP.

Sarah Talmage
Associate Administrator
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From: Mencher, Daniel (Appropriations) <Daniel_Mencher@appro.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2025 2:12 PM
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Also meant to include this article and how this list jives with the list you sent.

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From: Mencher, Daniel (Appropriations)
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To: Talmage, Sarah <Talmage.Sarah@epa.gov>
Cc: Newton, Anna (Appropriations) <Anna_Newton@appro.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant terminations 3/10

Sarah – Thanks for the sending this and apologies for the delayed reply. Can you help me better understand what these reflect? EPA has announced four rounds of grant cancellations. The latest was 400 grants totaling \$1.7B per the press release. The amounts on this list only total \$6.5M. Just trying to close the gap between what's in the press releases and what is below. Thank you. Daniel

From: Talmage, Sarah <Talmage.Sarah@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 7:25 AM
To: Mencher, Daniel (Appropriations) <Daniel_Mencher@appro.senate.gov>
Subject: Grant terminations 3/10

Hi Daniel -

Below is a list grant terminations. Will make sure to update you on a rolling basis.

Cumulative Award Amount	Project Title	Application Name	Applicant State	Assistance Listing Description

\$877,458	Advancing tree equity and environmental justice in Spokane County through urban forestry career development and educational programs.	Spokane Conservation District	WA	Environmental Justice Government-to-Government (EJG2G) Program
\$500,000	Collaborating for Tree Equity in Providence	The Nature Conservancy	VA	Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreement Program
\$500,000	Reducing Childhood Asthma by Improving Indoor Air Quality in Affordable Multifamily Housing	National Housing Trust	DC	Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreement Program
\$490,912	Monitoring Air Toxics and Assessing Benefits of Reduced Air Pollution from the Delaware City Refinery.	Clean Air Council	DE	Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreement Program
\$40,000	Girl Scouts Healthy Living Champions	Girls Scouts of Black Diamond Council, Inc.	WV	Surveys, Studies, Investigations, Training and Special Purpose Activities Relating to Environmental Justice
\$1,000,000	Enhancing, Strengthening and Scaling Action on Environmental Justice in Philadelphia	City of Philadelphia	PA	Environmental Justice Government-to-Government (EJG2G) Program
\$460,459	Climate Resilience Cohort	County of Albemarle	VA	Environmental Justice Government-to-Government (EJG2G) Program
\$1,000,000	Community Engagement Pilot Project in Environmental Justice Communities Overburdened with PFS Contamination in Drinking Water	WV Dept of Environmental Protection	WV	Environmental Justice Government-to-Government (EJG2G) Program
\$1,000,000	Environmental justice collaboration to improve air quality and community resiliency for both human health and environmental well-being in South Baltimore and Maryland's Eastern Shore.	The Environment Maryland Department of	MD	Environmental Justice Government-to-Government (EJG2G) Program
\$200,000	State Environmental Justice Cooperative Agreement Program	South Carolina Department of Environmental Services	SC	Environmental Justice Government-to-Government (EJG2G) Program

\$199,983	EJCPS/ARP - Climate Resiliency in Yurok and Karuk Ancestral Territories	Yurok Tribe	CA	Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreement Program
\$200,000	Healthy Communities	Metro Community Ministries	GA	Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreement Program

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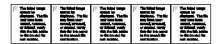
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EPA Puts 'Holy Grail Of Climate Change Religion' In Crosshairs

By Juan-Carlos Rodriguez

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Wednesday said it is reconsidering its 2009 finding that some greenhouse gases endanger humans' health and welfare — putting the fate of rules that sprang from that landmark conclusion into question.

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Calif. Asks Justices To Ax Fuel Groups' Clean Air Waiver Suit

By Lauren Berg

California asked the U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday to uphold the D.C. Circuit's ruling that biofuel and fossil fuel industry players don't have standing to challenge the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Air Act waiver allowing the Golden State to set standards limiting greenhouse gas emissions for vehicles.

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Justices Face Renewed Calls To Nix Mass. Wind Farm Permits

By Keith Goldberg

Fishing industry groups have asked the U.S. Supreme Court to undo federal approvals of the Vineyard Wind project off the Massachusetts coast, less than two months after the justices declined to consider another legal challenge by project opponents.

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Cancer Cause Or Red Herring? Jury Weighs Plant Bellwether

By Thy Vo

A medical sterilization company told a Colorado jury Wednesday that four women can't get millions in damages based on the "possibility" that emissions from a sterilization plant caused their cancer, at the close of a six-week trial in which the plaintiffs argued the company should be punished for its negligence.

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POLICY & REGULATION

HUD Rejects NC City's DEI-Incorporating Disaster Relief Plan

By Charlie Innis

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development said it rejected a draft plan submitted by Asheville, North Carolina, outlining how the city would distribute \$225 million in federal relief funds for hurricane recovery due to the plan's incorporation of "DEI criteria."

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Arizona Lawmakers Reintroduce \$5B Tribal Water Rights Act

By Crystal Owens

A bipartisan group of Arizona federal lawmakers reintroduced a bill to finalize a \$5.1 billion water rights settlement for three Indigenous tribes in the Colorado River Basin that, if approved, will resolve one of the Grand Canyon State's longest-running water disputes.

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Insurance Pros Urge Calif. Lawmakers To Address Fire Risks

By Eli Flesch

Insurance experts in a committee hearing that largely summed up concerns following the Los Angeles fires urged California lawmakers on Wednesday to address rising physical risks, smoke damage complaints, and regulations meant to expand coverage access.

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Texas Urges Court Not To Let DuPont Out Of PFAS Lawsuit

By Jonathan Capriel

Chemical companies DuPont and Corteva are leaning on a "fraudulent transfer scheme" in order to exit a lawsuit accusing them of making and selling forever chemicals despite knowing about their toxic nature, the state of Texas said Tuesday, urging a federal court not to give them the out.

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LITIGATION

Alaska Tribal Groups' Bid To Update Fish Harvesting Rule Fails

By Crystal Owens

A federal judge has said the National Marine Fisheries Service didn't violate the law by relying on 2004 and 2007 environmental impact statements to determine specifications for a final groundfish harvest rule for the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands, rejecting two Alaskan tribal organizations' bid to vacate the rule.

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Ga. City Faces \$35M Suit Over Recycling Plant Flip-Flop

By Kelcey Caulder

An Atlanta-based concrete recycling business has sued the city of Stonecrest, Georgia, its mayor and city council members in federal court Tuesday for \$35 million, alleging political flip-flopping by officials is costing it and a landowner approximately \$640,000 per month while its facility sits idle.

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Second Bid For Roundup Mass Tort Launched In New Jersey

By George Woolston

A second application for lawsuits against Monsanto Co. and Bayer AG alleging injuries by exposure to the company's weed killer Roundup to be designated as multicounty litigation has been filed with the New Jersey Supreme Court, according to a notice to the bar.

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EPA Says Grant Termination Moots Climate Group's Challenge

By Madeline Lyskawa

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency told a D.C. federal judge Wednesday that its cancelation of \$20 billion in grant funding for climate change projects renders moot Climate United Fund's claim that Citibank is illegally denying its disbursement requests.

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Duane Morris Adds Meyers Nave Enviro Litigation Duo In LA

By James Mills

Duane Morris LLP is expanding its environmental team, bringing in a pair of Meyers Nave environmental litigators at its Los Angeles office.

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EXPERT ANALYSIS

6th Circ. Ruling Paves Path Out Of Loper Bright 'Twilight Zone'

The U.S. Supreme Court's Loper Bright ruling created a twilight zone between express statutory delegations that trigger agency deference and implicit ones that do not, but the Sixth Circuit's recent ruling in *Moctezuma-Reyes v. Garland* crafted a two-part test for resolving cases within this gray area, say attorneys at Wiley.

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As Perkins Coie Fights Order, How Will Other Firms Respond?

By Cara Bayles

Perkins Coie LLP, represented by Williams & Connolly LLP, is challenging President Donald Trump's executive order revoking its security clearance and launching investigations into its diversity efforts. But other firms have remained silent, raising questions about the order's potential effects on how firms handle public policy litigation, publicly support their right to defend all clients and pursue hiring initiatives.

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Judge Blocks Order Limiting Perkins Coie Government Access

By Jared Foretek

A D.C. federal judge on Wednesday halted enforcement of the Trump administration's executive order against law firm Perkins Coie LLP that cited issues including its representation of Hillary Clinton during her 2016 presidential run, calling the order "viewpoint discrimination, plain and simple."

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3M's \$6B Deal In Earplug MDL Cut Federal Caseload 14%

By Emily Field

A single settlement produced a 14% decrease in the number of pending cases in federal district courts over fiscal 2024, and that was 3M's \$6 billion deal to end multidistrict litigation over its combat earplugs, according to a Tuesday report by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.

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First-Time Bar Passage Rate Improved In 2024

By Tracey Read

Nearly 83% of first-time test takers who sat for the bar exam in 2024 passed, an increase of nearly 3 percentage points from 2023, according to statistics released on Wednesday by the American Bar Association.

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Tony Buzbee Accused Of Duping Another Seaman

By Catherine Marfin

Texas personal injury attorney Tony Buzbee and his firm have been hit with another lawsuit from a seaman who alleges that the firm misappropriated payments he received after a 2020 ship injury.

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7th Circ. Revives Suit By Law Professor Disciplined Over Exam

By Lauren Berg

The Seventh Circuit on Wednesday revived a retaliation claim from a University of a law school professor at the University of Illinois in Chicago who was disciplined for including a redacted racist slur on an exam, saying the professor has plausibly alleged that his academic speech is protected by the First Amendment.

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By Hannah Albarazi

Women attorney groups and a group of state attorneys general urged the U.S. Supreme Court to reject South Carolina's attempt to stop Medicaid patients from seeing Planned Parenthood healthcare providers, saying in an amicus brief Wednesday that patients have a right to choose their healthcare providers and have a private right of action to enforce that right.

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Ex-Atty Gets 3 Years In Prison For Using Fake IDs To Get Jobs

By David Minsky

A former attorney has been sentenced to more than three years in prison after pleading guilty to charges related to using false identification in order to obtain jobs at multiple law firms in Florida, California and elsewhere following his disbarment in Ohio, according to federal prosecutors.

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